Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024 at 00:18

Confidence: Medium for the detail of low tracking east through the south of the United Kingdom later Wednesday. High for a showery, colder northwesterly flow for Thursday, then lowering from Friday for the transitional detail as fronts then troughs cross from the west.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024: Early summit severe gales to storm force winds. Rain clearing around mid-morning, before returning from west from mid-afternoon, with snow across higher peaks.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
90%	70%	10%	50%	90%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Weather: Overcast overnight and early morning with rain turning heavier at times. This clears as largely dry and occasionally bright conditions feed from the west mid-morning. Cloud building from the west from noon, with rain returning from mid-afternoon, this occasionally heavy and perhaps turning wintry across highest summits during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 10% becoming 60% from late morning, lowering 10% again from mid-afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in any snow and within cloud with bases extensive from 500m at first, lifting and breaking from mid-morning, before lowering again from the southwest later in the day

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Forecast for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	41/53 SW	30/41 W	24/32 SW	18/24 SW	18/24 S	23/31 W	20/27 NW
300	25/50 SW	18/36 W	15/30 SW	10/21 SW	7/17 SE	14/28 W	10/21 NW
Valley	22/48 SW	16/35 W	14/28 W	7/18 SW	5/15 SE	13/29 W	10/23 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	8/3	8/2	8/3	7/3	7/3	7/2	2/-4
300	10/6	10/6	10/7	10/7	9/7	9/6	4/1
Valley	11/8	10/7	11/8	10/8	9/8	10/7	5/2
Freezing Level*	2200m	1800m	1600m	1800m	2200m	1700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very difficult conditions early morning, also later in the day.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Wed 18 Dec 2024	10mm	11.8mm	14mm

Forecast for Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Weather: Opening with frequent showers, some heavy with the risk of hail and thunder in western areas of the park and a snow level 600-700m. Showers easing later to leave a drier evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 25-30mph with gusts reaching 50mph across more exposed ridges and summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 50% becoming 90% for the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Very good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases quite extensive from 600m at first, lifting and breaking from mid-morning

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius for the afternoon
At 600m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 800m

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